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1. EMB OFFICER ON AUGUST 8 DISCUSSED THE TURKISH PARTICIPATION IN THE IBRD AND IMF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER WITH UNDER SECRETARY, SABAHATTIN ALPAT, AND ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TREASURY ASAF GUVEN, BOTH IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. ALPAT STATED THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: MINISTER OF FINANCE DR. YILMAZ ERGENEKON, ALPAT HIMSELF, ASAF GUVEN, E. IHSAN OZOL (CURRENTLY ON SICK LEAVE), AND THE ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK NUMAN AKSOY. IN THE DISCUSSION GUVEN WANTED TO INCLUDE OMER ESENER, BUT ALPAT TOLD GUVEN THAT THE MINISTER WOULD NOT PERMIT MORE THAN FOUR PERSONS FROM THE MINISTRY TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. ALPAT SAID THAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY DRAFT SOMEBODY FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. MINISTER SPEAKS NO ENGLISH BUT HAS SOME CAPABILITY IN FREHCH. ALPAT'S ENGLISH IS FAIR, WHILE THAT OF GUVEN AND OZOI IS EXCELLENT.

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3. OZOI HAS A FRACTURED BONE IN HIS RIGHT LEG WHICH IS IN A

CAST, AND HE ALSO HAS A MINOR HEART CONDITION (BOTH ACCOUNTING FOR HIS LONG PERIOD OF SICK LEAVE). NUMAN AKSOY OF THE CENTRAL BANK HAS NO ENGLISH.

3. ALPAT TOLD EMB OFFICER THAT THE DELEGATION HAD NOT CAUCUSED AS YET, BUT THERE WERE DEFINITELY PROBLEMS CONCERNING TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE IBRD AND IMF THAT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT. EMB OFFICER IS TO DISCUSS WITH ALPAT NEXT WEEK WHAT POSSIBLE ITEMS THE TURKISH DELEGATION MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION.
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